



Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Pest Detection and Management Programs – Program Update

Program: *Phytophthora ramorum*

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On November 12, PPQ confirmed the detection of *P. ramorum* at six Oregon nurseries. On November 19, PPQ confirmed *P. ramorum* at three Connecticut nurseries. The detections in Oregon were the result of compliance agreement surveys. The Connecticut detections were made during trace forward investigations as a result of the Hines Nursery finds in Forest Grove, OR.

The total number of confirmed positive sites from the trace forward, national, and other survey is now 173 in 22 States. The total includes three residential finds; two in Georgia and one in South Carolina; there was one environs find in New York. The breakdown per State is: AL (3), AR (1), AZ (1), CA (53), CO (1), CT (3), FL (6), GA (16), LA (5), MD (2), NC (9), NJ (1), NM (1), NY (1), OK (1), OR (24), PA (1), SC (4), TN (2), TX (11), VA (2) and WA (25). Of 170 positive detections, at least 127 are associated with a large retailer that shipped infected plants nationwide in March 2004.

The United States Forest Service has survey areas near nurseries and the forest environment. As of November 22, 2004, The USFS has surveyed 681 nursery perimeters, collecting 3207. To date none have tested positive for *P. ramorum*. The Service has also surveyed 266 general forest locations, collecting 1310 samples. Two of those samples, from Golden Gate Park in San Francisco have previously been reported as positive.

There were no changes reported on national survey statistics this week. As of November 14, 2004, participating States through out the nation have surveyed 3,095 sites and have collected 50,820 samples; 15 national survey sites are confirmed positive. APHIS - PPQ *P. ramorum* National Survey activities are reported complete in 22 of 23 Western Region States currently participating (AK, AR, AZ, CA, CO, IA, ID, KS, LA, MO, MT, NE, NM, ND, NV, OK, OR, SD, UT, TX, WA, and WY) and 18 of 28 participating Eastern Region states, including Puerto Rico (AL, CT, DE, FL, IL, IN, KY, ME, MI, MN, MS, NC, NJ, OH, PA, PR, TN, WI).